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WYCOMBE strikers Tony Horseman and Tony Price saw their side safely into the semi-finals of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup on Sunday with two goals apiece against brave Spartan Leaguers. Bracknell Town at Larges Lane.

It was a tremendous return for young Price, who has played for Leicester City's teams this season.

He took the place of Dylan Evans and proceeded to give an exciting performance of fast, attacking football to which the "Newtowners" had no answer.

A year ago, these two teams met on the same ground and Bracknell gave their senior opponents a mighty scare by leading 2-1 in extra time.

Wycombe eventually pulled back to snatch a draw and went on to win the replay at Loakes Park 1-0.

It was soon obvious there was going to be no repeat.

Price tested 'keeper John Elder early on and then laid on the opening goal for Horseman in the fourth minute.

Briggling his way into the Bracknell box, Price crossed strongly to the far post where Elder failed to hold the ball and **Horseman** pounced on the free gift.

Seconds later Price was on the goal trail again, but this time his well placed shot struck the upright and went for a goal kick.

NERVOUS

Wycombe 'keeper John Maskell had trouble keeping out a Mick Mathews header in the 11th minute and after a nervous opening, Town began to make some impression on the game.

They seemed more at home with the poor conditions and their tactics of pumping the ball high upfield looked occasionally more promising than Wycombe's more elaborate build-ups which often came to grief on the soft and bumpy turf.

The visitors' finishing, however, was far more decisive than Bracknell's and on the half-hour, Price put his side further ahead.

Horseman set up the goal with an astute pass to **Price** at the far post who cracked it past Edler in fine style.

Mathews went close for Town but just before half-time Wanderers added a third goal after another error by Elder.

Grant took a free-kick which sailed to the far post. Elder got in a tangle with one of his own players and dropped the ball for **Horseman** to stab home from close range.

Despite the three-goal deficit the home side came out after the break and played some of the best football of the match.

Overcoming the heavy sun
face, they strung some near
moves together and after wings

Scott had sent one shot fractionally over the crossbar, Mathews notched a deserved goal.

WILTED

Scott curved in a corner in the 68th minute. The ball sailed to the near post and was headed on for **Mathews** to knock home from four yards.

But any hopes of a revival were cut short in the 70th minute. Perrin had already volleyed just over the crossbar and the same player crossed the ball into the box for Price to plant the ball home unmarked.

Bracknell wilted after this blow and in the remaining minutes of the match faced almost continual Wycombe pressure.

Holified, who had a quiet game, burst onto the scene with a couple of lightning runs down the wing which set up two chances for Horseman, but the veteran striker was just off target both times.

Elder saved brilliantly from Perrin before the close but by that time, the cup-holders were cruising comfortably towards the semi-finals.

Wycombe: Maskell; Wood, Mead, Bullock, Grant, Williams, Holified, Pritchard, (sub, Mackenzie), Horseman, Perrin, Price.

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FOR the first time in years, Wycombe Wanderers meet local rivals Reading United in the Berkshire Senior Cup semi-final, the draw that came about after Sunday Bracknell (writes S

The date of the match will be decided until after the Amateur Cup-ties have been decided to be staged on either Feb. 16 or March 2. In the final Slough Town will be up to outsiders Abingdon, from the Heller Division, and the "two" have yet agreed to meet each other.

Chesham have beaten West Reading in the first rounds of the All England League, winning 5-1 at Reading. Stewart Atkins and Raymond notched two goals each, with a Gordon Taylor completing the score. In the second round, Reading, out on the Intermediate Cup, found the opposition tougher in the first half, but were victorious after 45 minutes.

After Sunday's 4-0 victory over Bracknell, Wanderers